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SUBJECT: APPROACH OF WORLD FOOD COUNCIL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HANNAH
TO SELECTED MIDDLE EAST OIL EXPORTERS

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1. FROM APRIL 14 REMARKS OF WORLD FOOD COUNCIL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HANNAH'S SPECIAL ASSISTANT ALAIN VIDAL-NAQUET, WE MAY BE ABLE SUPPLY ONE MISSING PART OF JIGSAW PUZZLE. VIDAL-NAQUET SAID FRANCE HAD STRONGLY OPPOSED DIRECT APPROACH TO BOUMEDIENNE OF ALGERIA, BUT THIS OPPOSITION HAD JUST BEEN OVERCOME.

2. IN EARLIER CONVERSATION WHEN VIDAL-NAQUET HAD FIRST INFORMED U.S. REPRESENTATIVE OF DR. HANNAH'S PLANS TO VISIT ALGERIA AND OTHER MIDDLE EAST COUNTRIES, VIDAL-NAQUET HAD PLACED PARTICULAR IMPORTANCE ON ALGERIA. U.S. REPRESENTATIVE HAD COMMENTED THAT WHILE HE RECOGNIZED POLITICAL IMPORTANCE OF ALGERIA IN NON-ALIGNED BLOC, HE KNEW THAT OPEC COUNTRIES HAVE INSISTED UPON PRESERVING LARGE SPHERE OF SOVEREIGNTY IN POLITICAL MATTERS AND IN HANDLING FUNDS RECEIVED FROM PETROLEUM, AND QUESTIONED WHETHER ALGERIA HAS PARTICULAR INFLUENCE WITH SAUDI ARABIA AND IRAN WHO ARE BY FAR LARGEST EXPORTERS OF OIL.

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